Rep. Drew Saunders (D-Mecklenburg) agreed. "Under the leadership of Gov. Easley, we are moving our state to new and better jobs. I am especially pleased to support and existing North Carolina company."

The One North Carolina Fund assists the state in recruiting and expanding quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through the use of this Fund, 17,000 jobs and \$2 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

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